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1. The military airfield beside the Komunarka (55°36'N/37°27'E), Moscow highway, Moscow Oblast, had two perpendicular runways of perforated steel landing mats. Each runway was 60 to 80 x 600 meters. There was a large hangar at the field.
2. The field was occupied by about 27 jet planes, some single-engine Yak fighters, biplanes, and double-fuselage aircraft. The jet planes had straight wings, single rudder assembly, and a small step in the fuselage behind the wing root; the power plant seemed to be under the fuselage and did not extend as far as the nose.
3. The jet fighter unit was a regular participant in Moscow parades. It was rumored that the unit was commanded by a 28-year-old general.
4. German engineers and pilots who were stationed at the field said that they were drafted as mechanics, test pilots and technical designers of jet fighters. They lived with their families and were strictly guarded. Some of the engineers were previously employed by the Junkers Works.
5. The airfield was about 5 km southwest of the village of Nikolokhovanskoye (55°36'N/37°27'E), west of the road to Moscow. It was about 4 meters square. Three hangars were seen on the northeastern edge of the field.
6. The field was occupied by biplanes in 1946. Jet fighters with jet power plants and straight wings were seen there after May 1948. The aircraft flew individually and in files of up to 20 planes.
7. Several German engineers of the Dessau Junkers Works were employed at the field, and resided in the village of Nikolokhovanskoye.

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